

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the amino acid sequences of human BNP (SEQ ID NO: 4) and human N-BNP (SEQ ID NO: 5) and to replace the pending sequence listing with a replacement sequence listing, which includes SEQ ID NOs 4 and 5. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, *e.g.*, at paragraphs [0043] and [0087]. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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